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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

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*1 Mr. Robert N. King
Charleston County Register of Mesne Conveyances
No. 2 Courthouse Square
Charleston, South Carolina 29401

Dear Mr. King:

With apologies for the delay, I am writing in response to your request for an opinion from this Office-regarding whether or not the employees of the Charleston County Register of Mesne Conveyances are exempt from jury duty pursuant to [Section 14-7-820, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA](#), 1976, as amended, as follows:

No . . . person employed within the walls of any courthouse shall be eligible as a jurymen in any civil or criminal case.

In my opinion, this language exempts those employees notwithstanding the fact that they are not physically housed in the courthouse proper but are, instead, located in the courthouse annex. The intent of the provision is to prevent persons who are closely associated with the court (either by way of physical location or by the nature of their work) from sitting as jurors and to prevent the regular functioning of the county from being interrupted [cf., 47 AM.JUR.2d Jury § 116] and I think that the intent covers employees of the register of mesne conveyances.

With kind regards,

Karen LeCraft Henderson
Deputy Attorney General

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